INTRODUCTION

Schedule Overview
Market Development Activities – FAS Cooperator Projects

Administrative History
The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) links U.S. agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security.

FAS has a global network of 93 offices covering 171 countries. These offices are staffed by agricultural attachés and locally hired agricultural experts who monitor U.S. agriculture around the world. FAS staff identify problems, provide practical solutions, and work to advance opportunities for U.S. agriculture and support U.S. foreign policy around the globe. FAS has four main services and programs that supports the mission of the agency which include: trade policy, market development and export assistance, foreign agricultural market data and analysis, and food security to assist developing countries.

Additional Background Information
The current schedule has gone through significant revisions, most notably the removal of original items 0001 and 0002 from the final version. The General Records Schedule (GRS) Team reviewed the schedule and determined that these items, originally scheduled in 1978 as (1) NC1-166-78-1/35a and b, are now covered by GRS 1.1 and (2) NC1-166-78-1/35c is now covered by GRS 1.2.

Overall Recommendation
I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

APPRAISAL

Item 0001: Marketing Plans
Records include documentation and amendments to marketing plans, cooperator annual progress reports, and related correspondence.

Proposed Disposition: Temporary.
Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition: Appropriate.
Appraisal Justification:
* Previously approved as temporary. Marketing Plans, NC1-166-78-1/34
* Has little or no research value.
* Does not document significant actions of Federal officials.

Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period(s): Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability.

Media Neutrality: Approved.

Item 0002: Cooperator Contributions
Reports and correspondence pertaining to cooperator contributions to market development projects, as required by project agreement and authorizing legislation.

Proposed Disposition: Temporary.

 Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition: Appropriate.

Appraisal Justification:
* Previously approved as temporary. Cooperator Contributions, NC1-166-78-1/36
* Has little or no research value.
* Does not document significant actions of Federal officials.

Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period(s): Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability.

Media Neutrality: Approved.

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